

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 653

By Fowlkes

A RESOLUTION to honor Buford Gardner of Elkton on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body recognize those who in their years of work have performed with extraordinary dedication and rare devotion; and

WHEREAS, Buford Gardner is one such outstanding person who has served with alacrity and acuity for 14 years as an Alderman for the City of Elkton; and

WHEREAS, a native of Elkton, Buford Gardner exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a great Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, born on December 18, 1934, Buford Gardner is the son of the late Walker and Lizzie Mae Hogan Gardner; and

WHEREAS, for twenty years, Buford Gardner worked in Chicago, Illinois for a drug company, where he ascended the ranks to become the manager of that company; and

WHEREAS, his profound love for his hometown compelled Buford to return to Elkton to raise cows and hogs on the family farm; and

WHEREAS, Buford Gardner began his illustrious career on the Elkton Board of Mayor and Aldermen in 1984, when he was elected to serve as an alderman; and

WHEREAS, his stellar tenure on the Elkton City Council has been one of the longest in the history of Elkton and he has served admirably in various positions on the City Council; and

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WHEREAS, Alderman Gardner has been an astute and effective advocate for the full participation of our citizens in the community, and has been a worthy role model for all citizens, young and old alike, as a dedicated public servant and concerned citizen; and

WHEREAS, Alderman Buford Gardner has selflessly placed the welfare of his community and his fellow citizens ahead of personal concerns to the great benefit of all Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Buford Gardner's adroit qualities include the uncommon ability to motivate others to fully realize their potential, perhaps the most valuable of all skills; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we extend to Buford Gardner our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and continued success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.